

REMARKS

Entry of this RCE, amendment and reconsideration of this application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

The undersigned gratefully acknowledges the courtesies extended by the Examiner during the telephone interview of August 4, 2009, and agrees with the Examiner's Interview Summary mailed August 7, 2009.

Claims 17-19 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over the combination of Hansen and Clifford. Claims 20-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Hansen, Clifford and Bittner. Claim 23 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Hansen, Clifford and Oei. Claims 24 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Hansen, Clifford and Shaw. Applicants respectfully traverse each of these rejections.

A Rule 132 declaration of Ralf Schneider, which clearly sets forth his reasoning as to why the roughness and sludge generated according to Hansen would have a higher roughness and generate more sludge than the presently claimed invention.

None of the other cited references, alone or in combination, remedy the defects of Hansen, so the combinations of references cannot render the present claims obvious.

Therefore, all rejections must be withdrawn.

Allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed to our Deposit Account No. 50-0624 under Order No. NY-CHEMMT-206.1-US.

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